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LETTER

Sir:

In the notice of allowance dated October 22, 2004 the examiner has indicated that claims 1-17 are allowable. However, claims 1-18 are pending in this application. As claim 18 depends from an allow claim it is assumed that this claim is also allowable. However, the examiner is respectfully requested to confirm this.

Respectfully submitted,

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